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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

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EXDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, SA, US

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO KING'S LETTER ON LEBANON

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